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For: POLARIZING PLATE AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE USING THE
SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

Applicant is not submitting duplicate copies of U.S. Patent No. 6,686,980, U.S. Patent No. 5,706,131, WO 96/07941 and JP 03-058004, which are the references of record in parent application No. 10/062,437, but requests that they are listed on the face of any patent granted on the above application. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d))

One copy of each of JP 9-197125, JP 8-511109, WO 94/128073 and JP 2001-154022, is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith English translations of JP 9-197125 and JP 2001-154022. JP 8-511109 corresponds to WO 94/28073, a copy of which is enclosed as well. Applicant also encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office dated February 3, 2004, in a counterpart application citing such documents.


The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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